



STINGER SPORTS

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The York Yeomen showed the importance of a strong bench this weekend as they captured the 15th Annual Pepsi Centennial Basketball Tournament held at the Concordia Complex.

Bob Bain's squad, playing without All-Canadian David Coulthard and Bo Pelech downed the McGill Redmen 94-87 Friday and then defeated Concordia Stingers 69-61 Saturday to win their second Centennial Tournament.

The Stingers advanced to the finals with a 72-61 victory over Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks Friday, while McGill took consolation honors with a 76-64 victory over Laurier.

York rallied from a 48-43 halftime deficit against McGill to reach the finals. Grant Parobec paced the York win with 19 points while Peter Greenway added 18.

The Concordia-Laurier game was delayed over two hours when Laurier's Paul Flack tore down a backboard during pre-game warm-ups. The game was switched to the Loyola High School where Gary McKeigan and Doug Whaley scored 22 and 19 points respectively to lead the Stingers past the Golden Hawks.

Back in the Concordia gym on Saturday, McGill downed Wilfrid Laurier as Carlo Delbosco scored 27 points and Luigi Fraquelli added 17. The final between York and Concordia was the third meeting between the clubs, and although York has won all three, Concordia coach Doug Daigneault says he can see the improvement in his squad.

"Playing our last five games without Doug Whaley was a blessing in disguise" the veteran mentor stated. "It gave some other players a chance to develop, particularly Noel Nedrick. Now with Doug back in the line-up, we should be

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that much stronger."

Whaley, making his first appearance since November 15th, scored 21 points against York, but it was not enough to affect the balanced Yeomen attack. Greenway scored 19 for York while Enzo Spagnuolo added 14 and Ron Kaknevicus scored 12.

Greenway was named Most Valuable Player while Whaley, McKeigan, Flack and Parobec joined Greenway on the All-Star team.